THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A total amount of Rs. 418.42 crores has been sanctioned so far from the Technical Development Fund Scheme since its inception in 1976-77.

(b) No separate data is maintained regarding the MRTP/FERA companies and others.

Soviet Union's interest in setting up joint ventures in the field of garments and leather

@1471-C. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Soviet Union has shown interest in setting up joint ventures in India in the field of garments and leather; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The proposal of production cooperation in leather and textiles industries, in particular cooperation in the sewing and supply to the USSR of ready-made garments from Soviet natural silk fabrics, was discussed in the Fifth Meeting of the Indo-Soviet Working Group on Trade held in April 1988 in New Delhi. No specific proposal for setting up joint venture in India for garments and leather has so far been received by the Government.

@Previously Unstarred Question 1599 transferred from the 10th May, 1988.

12.00 Noon

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1986-87) of the Bengal chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited, Calcutta and related papers.

II. Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster (Registration and Processing of claims) Amendment Scheme, 1988.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): Madam I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited, Calcutta, for the year 1986-87 together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Company. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6129/88 for (i) and (ii)]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Industry Notification G.S.R. No. 394(E), dated the 30th March, 1988, publishing the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster (Registration and Processing of Claims) Amendment Scheme, 1988, under sub-section (3) of section 9 of the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster Act, 1985. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6128/88]

I. Report and Accounts (1986-87) of the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Indian Telegraph (Second Amendment) Rules, 1988.

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers,